I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (February 14-22, 2008)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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11/02/2008: Stefan, DL1MUC reports that Karlheinz, DK2WV will be active from Rwanda as 9X0W, February 11-21st. QRV holiday style using a IC-706, low power, dipoles, wires and maybe a small amplifier. QSL 9X0W via DK2WV, direct or bureau. [DL1MUC]

14/02/2008: Tadeusz/SP3IPB + xyl Agnieszka/SQ3WN, Janusz/SP6IXF + xyl and Przemek/SP7VC will be QRV February 14-16th as FS/homecalls from the island of St. Martin (NA-105, DIFO FS-001, WLOTA LH-0711) and between February 17-26th as FJ/homecalls from St. Barthelemy Island (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA LH-0377). The plan is to operate from 7 to 28Mhz including WARC bands CW/SSB/RTTY. There will be no online logs during expedition. Logs will be aviable on the web after the expedition. [4X4-2238 & 4Z4DX]

14/02/2008: Rich, K2WR will be active February 14-17th from the Isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA LH-0818) using the call sign MJ0AWR. He also plans a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest as GJ2A. QSL both calls via K2WR. [NG3K]

14/02/2008: Eric, K9GY will be active as H7/K9GY from the QTH of YN2N (www.yn2n.com/) located near Granada, Nicaragua, from February 14-18th, including a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th). He will be QRV 160-10m during and outside of the contest. Logs will be loaded to LOTW although direct QSL via CBA is ok too. [NG3K]

14/02/2008: Operators Mario/DJ2MX, Simon/DJ4MZ, Manfred/DJ5MW, Matt/DK4YJ and Chris/DK9TN will be active as HB0/homecall between February 14-18th. The group plans to be active during the ARRL DX CW Contest as HB0/N0MX as a Multi-2 category. QSL via their home call sign (except for HB0/N0MX: QSL via DJ2MX). The DXpedition Web site is at: www.dk9tn.de/2008/hb0 [OPDX Bulletin]

15/02/2008: Philippe, F5IYJ will be active as FS/F5IYJ from St. Martin (NA-105, WLOTA LH-0711) February 15-22nd. He might also go and operate as PJ7/F5IYJ from Sint Maarten. Expect Philippe to operate holiday style and to concentrate on CW. Details will be available at f5iyj.com/; QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

15/02/2008: Gwenael, F4EFI reports that Gildas, TU5KG will be in the Kerguelen island area (FT5XR/mm) February 15th and 16th to refuel the ship. He plans to be active from the base Port aux Francais, Kerguelen Island (AF-048, DIFO FT-011, WLOTA LH-0439) as FT5XR during this period if the weather is good to land, not as last time. QSL via F4EFI, direct or bureau. [F4EFI]

15/02/2008: Look for Yoshi AB2ST/KH2, Toshi KB3LTB/KH2 and Toshi KG6WTW/KH2 to be QRV from the island of Guam (OC-026, USi GU-003S, WLOTA LH-0064), February 15-17th. Activity will be on HF, all bands. QSL all

calls via JF1TEU, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

15/02/2008: Look for Dave, WJ2O to be active as VP5/WJ2O from Jodi's Hamlet on Providenciales Island (NA-002), Turks and Caicos Islands from February 15-22nd, including a Single-Op entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th). QSL via home call. [WJ2O]

16/02/2008: Look for operators Johnny/LA5IIA, George/N2GA and Tony/N2UN to be active as 4U1UN during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via HB9BOU. ADDED NOTE: Johnny/LA5IIA was active this past weekend in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest. Also QSL via HB9BOU. [OPDX Bulletin]

16/02/2008: Operators Krassy/K1LZ, Hrane/YT1AD, Rasa/YU1RL, Mladen/YU7NU, George/6Y5GC and David/KY1V will be active from Hopewell, Jamaica (NA-097, WLOTA LH-0214), during the ARRL DX CW Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via OH3RB, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

16/02/2008: Juan, CO8TW, will be active from Santiago de Cuba, Cuba (NA-015, also count for WLOTA LH-0032) during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via HB9SVT. The log will be online after the contest at: www.qsl.net/co8tw/ [OPDX Bulletin]

16/02/2008: Radiogrupo Sur members Hector/CX2DDP, Gustavo/CX7AT, Daniel/CX9AU, Alex/CX8BR, Bert/CX3AN and Luis/CX3AW will be signing CV5K from Montevideo, Uruguay for the ARRL DX CW Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via CX2ABC [NG3K]

16/02/2008: Girts, YL2KL will be QRV as D4C from the MonteVerde contest station, Mindelo, Ilha do S?o Vicente (AF-086 LH-1976), as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry during the ARRL DX CW Contest WPX Contest (February 16-17th). QSL via IZ4DPV, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

16/02/2008: Heijo, DJ1OJ will be QRV from the Canary Islands (AF-004) as EA8OM during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th), as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

16/02/2008: Grupo DX Gran Canaria operators Manuel/EA8ZS, Antonio/EA8BQM, Manuel/EA8BEX, Felix/EA8AVK, Marino/EA8DP and Juan/EA8CAC will be active as EA8ZS in the ARRL DX CW Contest from Sta. Maria de Guia, Las Palmas, Gran Canaria Island (AF-004, DIE S-005 for the Spanish Islands Award, WLOTA LH-0969) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via EA8ZS. [NG3K]

16/02/2008: Operators Norman/K1DG, Antonio/EA5BY, Juan/EA5FID, Yuri/EA5GTQ and Juan/EA5RS will be active as EE5E during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via the LoTW. QSL is also "OK" via K1DG. [OPDX Bulletin]

16/02/2008: Nodir, EY8MM will be QRV from Tajikistan during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th), as a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m)/High-Power entry. He needs KS, LA, ND, NE, WY on 80m. QSL via K1BV. [NG3K]

16/02/2008: Willy, F0ESV/p will be active February 16th from the Castle of Moncel (DFCF 54-001, WW Loc. JN29WD), canton [county] of Conflans en Jarnisy (DDCF 54-11), Department Meurthe-et-Moselle/54, Province of Lorraine (DPF 14). QRV on 2m only (144.254 Mhz +/- QRM), starting around 0800 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Radioamateur.org]

16/02/2008: Look for J-Fran?ois, F8BMN/p to be active February 16th from the Castle Desandroin (DFCF 59-116), located in Fresnes-Sur-Escaut (CP 59970), canton [county] of Conde sur Escaut (DDCF 59-19), Department Nord/59, Province of Nord Pas de Calais (DPF 16). QRV on 80 and 40m, with dipoles and 100W. QSL via bureau preferred, or email at (f8bmncontact59 -at- aol.com). [F8BMN]

16/02/2008: Operators Keith/GM4YXI and Chris/GM3WOJ will be active from Scotland (EU-005, also count for WLOTA LH-1234) as GM7V during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via M0CMK. [OPDX Bulletin]

16/02/2008: Operators Andrea/IK4VET, Roberto/IK4XCL, Alessio/IZ4EFN and possibly others will be active as IO4T during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via IZ4JMA direct. [OPDX Bulletin]

16/02/2008: A team of operators will be active from Luxembourg as LX7I during the ARRL DX CW Contest as a Multi-2 or Multi-Single entry. QSL via LX2A (www.lx2a.com/) [NG3K]

16/02/2008: Members of the Radio-Club Electrans (CSAM) will be active from their F6KHM club station as TM6M during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via F4DXW. Operators mentioned are: F1AKK, F5MUX, F5TTU and F8DBF. [OPDX Bulletin]

16/02/2008: Look for Mark, K0EJ to be active from St. Kitts/Nevis (NA-104) as V49A during the ARRL DX CW Contest, as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Outside of the contest he will be QRV as V44/K0EJ on all bands. QSL via V44NK. [NG3K]

16/02/2008: Kurt, W6PH will be QRV as VP9/W6PH from the QTH of VP9GE in Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005, WLOTA LH-0201), during the ARRL DX CW Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via home call, direct only. [NG3K]

16/02/2008: Look for Bruce, XW1B to be QRV from 'The Farm' near Vientiane, Laos, for the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th), as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via E21EIC direct preferred, bureau ok. [NG3K]

17/02/2008: Look for Yu, 7K3BKY to be active February 17-21st as AI4GN/AH0 from Saipan Island, Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086), including an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest (Sunday only). QRV all bands and modes outside of the contest. QSL via 7K3BKY, bureau preferred. [NG3K]

19/02/2008: Gerd/DJ4KW (V31YN/p) and Gisela/DK9GG (V31GW/p) will be active from the Blue Marlin Lodge, South Water Caye (NA-180), Belize, between February 19-26th. Look for them to be QRV on all bands and modes.QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

19/02/2008: Willy/ON5AX and xyl Magda/ON3AX will be QRV from: New Zealand as ZL/ON5AX between February 19-27th; Lord Howe Island (OC-004) as VK9ALH from March 23-30th; and Australia (OC-001) as VK4/ON5AX between April 2-7th. Equipment: Alinco DX70 transceiver 100W, groundplane antenna designed and made by Tony ON4CEQ. QRV on CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via ON5AX or ON3AX. [UBA HF News]

20/02/2008: Geoff, W0CG and Cindy will be QRV as PJ2DX from Signal Point, island of Curacao (SA-006, also count for WLOTA LH-0942) between

February 20-26th. Look for activity on all bands and modes. Geoff will also be active on 6 meters, using a FT-100 and Cush-Craft yagi at 85 feet, fed with 7/8 inch hardline. No amp for six. QSL via home call. [CCC & N8OFS]

20/02/2008: John, 9M6XRO (ISWL 9M6-6982)will be back again in Cambodia operating as XU7XRO from February 20th until the 26th. QTH will be Sihanouk Ville (Kompong Som) and like my operation last year the QSL Manager is Graham, M5AAV. Direct QSLs preferred but bureau cards will also be answered. John will be active on CW/SSB and Digimodes. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

22/02/2008: Phil/G3SWH and Jim/G3RTE will be active as 8R1PW from Georgetown, Guyana, February 22-29th. They will operate CW only on 160-10 meters, and will concentrate on the low bands, and on 30, 12 and 17 meters (activity on 160m is possible, but will depend upon QRN and site conditions). Propagation permitting, they plan to have two stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. QSL via G3SWH, direct or bureau (for on-line requests for bureau cards please use the form at www.g3swh.org.uk/form.html). Logs will be available on www.g3swh.org.uk after the expedition, and will be uploaded to LoTW about one year later. [425 DX News]

22/02/2008: Wong, VR2KW, will be active from the Fo-Shan Amateur Radio Club (Grid OL63NA), using the club call BY7PP on February 22nd and 23rd. QRV on 50-144-432-EME, using 2x6ele Max 100W on 6m; 2x9ele Max 300W (main band) on 2m; and 2x20ele Max 70W on 70cm. QSL via BA7NQ (QRZ.com). [MMMonVHF]

22/02/2008: Jean Mary, F8CHM will sign FR5EZ from Reunion Island (AF-016, DIFO FR-001 for the French Overseas Islands Award, WLOTA LH-1812 between February 22nd and March 21st. QRV on all HF bands plus 50 MHz, using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [F5NQL]

22/02/2008: Art, NN7A will operate as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye, Belize (NA-180) from February 22-26th. This will be a one-person operation using a 100 watt transceiver with vertical and wire antennas. Operation will be mostly CW on 40-10m including WARC bands, with some 80m and 160m. Some SSB on 20m and 15m IOTA frequencies is possible, conditions permitting. No skeds, please. Operation will be from a cottage on the beach using battery and solar power. QSL direct via NN7A (Art Phillips, P.O. Box 73, Eckert, CO 81418 USA), or via the ARRL bureau. There will be no on-line logs, and email contact will not be possible while on the island. [F5NQL]

Be sure to check Bill's (NG3K) web site for updated ARRL DX CW Contest activity at: ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2008.html

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LOOKING AHEAD -

23/02/2008: Look for Tom/N1GN, Bill/NE1B and Karney/W2AFC to be active as C6ANM from New Providence Island [Nassau] (NA-001, WLOTA LH-1115) during the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (February 23-24th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW. [NG3K]

24/02/2008: Kevin, M0XLT reports that the Craven Radio Amateur Group will be active February 24th as MX0BCQ/A and will activate WAB square SD84 YSN. QRV on HF and VHF. QSL via the information at QRZ.com under MX0BCQ. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

24/02/2008: Bill, W8EB will be active February 24th to March 23rd as PJ7/W8EB from the island of Sint Maarten (NA-105). QRV holiday style on 160-10 meters, using SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK-31. Bill will also participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as PJ7B, a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. All QSL requests via W8EB. [NG3K]

01/03/2008: Operators Tom/N1GN and Bill/NE1B will be active as C6ANM from New Providence Island [Nassau] (NA-001, WLOTA LH-1115) during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW. [NG3K]

01/03/2008: Dave, G3TBK will be QRV from Kingstown, island of St. Vincent (NA-109, WLOTA LH-0492, WW Loc. FK93JD) as J88DR for the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd), a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Outside the contest for the following week he will be QRV CW/SSB/RTTY/SSTV on all bands. QSL via G3TBK. [NG3K]

01/03/2008: Look for Naran, JT1BV to be active from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL direct only (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

09/03/2008: Naran, JT1BV will be active from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL direct only (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

11/03/2008: Bob/W4OWY (V25WY) and Mark/W9OP (V25OP) will be active from the V26B superstation located at Gunthroppes, island of Antigua (NA-100, WLOTA LH-1118, WW Loc. FK97BC) from March 11-17th. QRV on 160-10m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their respective home calls. [W4OWY]

26/03/2008: John, W5JON will be active again as V31FB on Ambergris Caye (NA-073), Belize, from March 26-31st. QRV on 6-160 meter SSB, including a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th). Equipment will be ICOM IC-7000, RM Italy KL-400 Amplifier (400 Watts), Alpha Delta 10-160 Meter Dipoles and 3 Element Yagi on 6 meters. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

27/03/2008: Dave, W5CW will be active March 27th to April 9th as VP5/W5CW from the VP5JM 'Hamlet' on Providenciales (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands, including a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) using the special call VQ58V. Outside the contest Dave will be QRV 160-6m (including WARC bands), using CW and SSB. On 6m they will use a M2 7 element yagi at 30 feet (Grid FL31VS). All QSLs via W5CW. [NG3K]

01/04/2008: Club Radio Amateur de Quebec members will be active as VC2VQ in order to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the foundation of Quebec City. Activities will start from April 1st to April 30th on 14.150, 7.070, 3.780 MHz. QSL via the bureau. [RAQ]

01/04/2008: All radio amateurs in the Province of Quebec will be able to use special prefixes during the entire month of April. Look for VA2 stations to use the prefix VG2 and VE2 stations will use VX2. The special prefixes are to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the foundation of Quebec City. Information on this anniversary event can be found at www.quebec400.gc.ca/pc-ch-eng.cfm [RAC]

24/05/2008: Naran, JT1BV pans to be active from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, in the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL direct only (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

05/07/2008: The Cofresi Radio Club (WP4NRT) will take part in the annual World Lighthouse On The Air Contest (WLOTA) as WP4NRT/L, July 5th (0600 UTC) to July 6th (1200 UTC), from Los Morrillos lighthouse (ARLHS PUR-002, TWLHD WLH KP4-004, WW Loc. FK67JW) located in Cabo Rojo at the southwest section of Puerto Rico Island (NA-099, also count for WLOTA LH-2802). QRV 10-80m, using SSB, PSK-31, AND RTTY. QSL via WP4NRX, with S.A.S.E. (Luis Montalvo WP4NRX, Parc Puerto Real House 606 1st St., Cabo Rojo, PR 00632 USA). Please NO E-QSLS! [QRZ.com]

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MESSAGE: (#1737) XR7W team accident
AUTHOR: Zoli Pitman
DATE: February 12, 2008 at 15:28 UTC

Dear all,

Last Friday we successfully arrived to Caleta Tortel after abt 450 km driving on gravel roads on very mountainous terrain. We boarded our boat Jorge Montt and left for Wager Island. Due to the bad weather conditions in the Messier Channel we had to stay overnight in a protected bay. We arrived to Wager Island on Saturday noon. We quickly set up the antennas at the tideline and the pileups started. At around 1800 the rain started too and was followed by gale force winds. The tents were deformed by the wind and even the ?all weather proof?tents could not resist the sheer pressure of water and soon we were all soaked. Food, clothes, everything. In the meantime our boat sought protection from the elements in a protected bay in Byron Island. By 2000 local we lost contact with them too. We spent the rest of the night trying to operate, communicate with the CE Navy and protect ourselves from the rain and wind. At 9 AM we had to reduce operation to minimum to spare gasoline for emergency communication. At 1 PM we were told by the CE Navy base to leave the island immediately and seek refuge. I had a last frenetic hour on 17m running EU at 5q/min rates under a piece of plastic hand keying on my knee and paperlogging until the captain gave the final order to leave. At that moment we had 2400 QSOs from XR7W in the log. Crossing the channel again at the Pe?as Golf was horrifying. We got back to Tortel by 5AM Sunday morning. After obtaining the necessary documentation to Roger we left Tortel at 11AM. Everything was ?fine? until 1930 when near to a small place called Bahia Murta our rented/borrowed van slipped of the gravel road and hit a rock frontally and turned upside-down. The car was frontally damaged and we were first taken to a nearby village called Rio Tranquillo which had a first aid outpost where our injuries were inspected and we were immediately sent to Coyhaique abt 200 km away in an ambulance car, the nearest place with a hospital.

There we were inspected more thoroughly and xrayed. Vlad RV1CC was diagnosed with a broken left upper arm, Marco CE6TBN with cuts and bruises and a broken rib, Yuri RA0FU with cuts and me with a broken finger (not cw!), a broken rib and am suffering from compression on the torax bone. The question this morning was if Vlad had to be operated here or can be flown home to SPB. I feel very lucky to survive that accident and I hope we all get the fit-to-fly (sic!) clearance asap.

Of course our first priority at the moment is to get out from Coyhaique. The damage in car, equipment and additional costs are estimated in excess of 11k euro. Some photos were taken, as soon as I will a bit more fit, I will publish them somewhere. If you can and want to contribute to lessen this damages please feel free to contact me via ha1ag@yahoo.com . Please feel free to circulate this info bulletin.

This expedition took us to the most difficult places in non-Antarctic Chile and it frustrates me that we missed the very last step.

73!

zoli ce7/ha1ag from Coyhaique, Chile
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Ducie Island - VP6DX - News #15- 2008 Feb 14

Here are the first words from the island via Iridium:

Operations began Feb 11/0500z with a little "cooking session" to check out the stations and available antennas. After several days of hard work, it was relaxing to make some QSOs. With another big construction day ahead on Feb 12, the cooking session ended at 11/0930z. The cooking session worked 1034 QSOs.

Continuous operations began Feb 12/0300z. Over 10,000 QSOs (excluding the cooking session) were logged in the first 16 hours. First day total was 17026 raw QSOs (unduped). Peak clock hour rate was 1069 QSOs (seven stations).

QSO #20,000 was worked at Feb 13/0618z. QSO #30,000 was worked at Feb 13/2313z. Reduced operations occurred during daylight as more antennas were completed. The second day's total was 14,301 raw QSOs.

Two short breaks in operations occurred this evening around 14/0400-0500z to allow the M/V Braveheart to receive weather fax. Depending on the position of the ship, some of our transmitters can interfere with the fax receiver.

Online Log
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The Online Log is now available! It could happen that not all QSOs are in the database because of difficulties in transferring the data from the island to the server.

There is a small bug in the online log script which sometimes shows not all bands in the table. We are working on that problem.

Frequencies
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Please have a look at the frequency table at:
http://ducie2008.dl1mgb.com/operating/frequencies/index.php.
We adjusted some frequencies. Regarding split operation please always listen carefully what the operator says. [Araucaria mailing list]
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After BOUVET: ZS8 - Marion Island AF-021

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: ZS8 - Marion Island
Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 19:03:05 +0000
From: C McGowan <hamspirit@hotmail.co.uk>
ZS8 - Marion Island (AF-021) at the end of March 2008, for one whole year! Start/end dates uncertain - keep you updated.
Operator: Petrus, 3Y0E/ZS6GCM.
More info eventually.
73ss
Col MM0NDX

Webmaster: 3Y0E.COM http://3y0e.com/ [NG3K]
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SPECIAL EVENTS -

14/02/2008: VU2IIT the club station of the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur will be active on 20m and 40m during the Techkriti 2008 techfest which takes place February 14-17th. Further info at techkriti.org/#lookup_Events_Electronic_HAMfest [Southgate ARC]

15/02/2008: Look for Jean-Claude, F5IL to be active as TM5ICE (WAP-127) from February 15-29th, from his QTH in the Eure department/27 (Normandy). Mainly on digital modes, RTTY and PSK31. Active also in CW, for the DDFM award hunters, and a little SSB. QSL via F5IL, direct (SAE + Postage) or via the REF bureau. [F5NQL]

17/02/2008: Look for UE3YAR to be aired February 17-24 to celebrate the Russian Army Day for the AFARU (Armed Forces Amateur Radio Union) activity programme. QSL via MM0DFV. [425 DX News]

18/02/2008: Fran?ois, F8DVD will be active February 18 to March 2nd from Macon, France, for the Antarctic Activity Week, using the special call TM8ANT (WAP-014). QRV on all HF bands, CW and SSB. QSL via F8DVD, direct (SAE + postage) or via the REF bureau. [F5NQL]

18/02/2008: Yuri Mirolyubov, RK3DSW operator at Molodezhnaya Base (1987) as 4K1A, will be active as RK3DSW/ANT (WAP-065), during the 5th AAW (February 18-24th) and will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31 on all bands. QSL via bureau or direct via: Yuri O. Mirolyubov RK3DSW, Box 57 Elektrostal 144000, Russia. [I1HYW]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

14/02-19/02 CT3/DK7YY: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/02-19/02 CT3/DL5AXX: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/02-19/02 CT3/DL5LYM: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/02-19/02 CT3/DL8WAA: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/02-16/02 FS/SP3IPB: St. Martin WLOTA:0711 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/02-16/02 FS/SP6IXF: St. Martin WLOTA:0711 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/02-16/02 FS/SP7VC: St. Martin WLOTA:0711 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/02-16/02 FS/SQ3WN: St. Martin WLOTA:0711 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/02-16/02 MJ0AWR: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL K2WR (d/b)
15/02-17/02 AB2ST/KH2: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JF1TEU (d/b)
15/02-22/02 FS/F5IYJ: St. Martin WLOTA:0711 QSL H/C (d/b)
15/02-17/02 KB3LTB/KH2: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JF1TEU (d/b)
15/02-17/02 KG6WTW/KH2: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL JF1TEU (d/b)
16/02-17/02 6Y1V: Jamaika Island WLOTA:0214 QSL OH3RB (d/b)
16/02-17/02 CO8TW: Cuba Island (main) WLOTA:0032 QSL HB9SVT (d/b)
16/02-17/02 CT9L: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL DJ6QT (d/b)
16/02-17/02 D4C: Ilha do São Vicente WLOTA:1976 QSL IZ4DPV (d/b)
16/02-17/02 EA8ZS: Isla de Gran Canaria WLOTA:0969 QSL EA8ZS (d/b)
16/02-17/02 GJ2A: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL K2WR (d/b)
16/02-17/02 GM7V: Scotland (main island) WLOTA:1234 QSL M0CMK (d/b)
16/02-17/02 KP2M: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL AI4U (d/b)
16/02-17/02 NP2S: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL W3HNK (d/b)
16/02-17/02 PJ4M: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL N4GG (d/b)

16/02-17/02 VP9/W6PH: Bermuda WLOTA:0201 QSL H/C (d)
17/02-26/02 FJ/SP3IPB: St. Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL H/C (d/b)
17/02-26/02 FJ/SP6IXF: St. Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL H/C (d/b)
17/02-26/02 FJ/SP7VC: St. Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL H/C (d/b)
17/02-26/02 FJ/SQ3WN: St. Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL H/C (d/b)
20/02-26/02 PJ2DX: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL W0CG (d/b)
22/02-21/03 FR5EZ: La Reunion Island WLOTA:1812 QSL F8CHM (d/b)
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6 METERS & UP -

- The Big Island Six Meter Club, NH6P is very active from Keaai, Hawaii. They monitor 50.110 MHz, 24/7. If you hear the KH6HME beacon on 50.061 MHz, please give them a call on 50.110 MHz. The club was formed to promote activity on the Six Meter band on the big island of Hawaii. Charter members include Dean/KH6B, Paul/KH6HME, Fred/W6YM, Bill/KH7E, Fred/KH6FI, and Elmo/EA5BYP. Note: the island of Hawaii counts for several awards - IOTA OC-019, USi HI025S and WLOTA LH-0065. QSL direct only via the information at QRZ.com. [N8OFS]

- Czech Radio Amateurs to get 70 MHz
The Czech Telecommunication Office (CTU) has announced that Czech Amateurs will soon have access to the 70 MHz band.

They plan to issue 20 special permits for 70.2-70.3 MHz with 10 Watts ERP.

The permits will be valid until 31 Dec 2008.

Czech Telecommunication Office (CTU)
http://www.ctu.cz/

CTU 8 February announcement (in Czech)
http://www.ctu.cz/main.php?
pageid=251&page_content_id=4912

Czech Radio Club
http://www.crk.cz/

Czech Radio Club Announcement
http://www.crk.cz/CZ/PREDPISAKTC.HTM

The Four Metres Website
http://www.70mhz.org/ [Southgate ARC]
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The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

VK9WWI - Willis Island
2007 Operation

YI9PT - Iraq
Current Operation

Bill Moore NC1L
DXCC Manager
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Serbia: Kosovo to Be Independent February 17, 2008
By DUSAN STOJANOVIC -- February 08, 2008

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) --- The Serbian minister for Kosovo said Friday that his government has information that the province's Albanian

leadership will declare independence on Feb. 17.

Slobodan Samardzic said in a statement that "the government of Serbia is receiving relevant information" that Kosovo's government will "illegally declare unilateral independence of Kosovo on Sunday, Feb. 17." He did not specify the source of information.

The Kosovo Albanian leadership has said that it will declare independence from Serbia "in a matter of days," but has never specified the exact date.

Serbia strongly rejects the statehood of Kosovo even though the southern province has not been under its control since NATO's bombing in 1999 to stop a crackdown against the Kosovo Albanian separatists.

Samardzic's statement was issued after a meeting with a senior European Union official, Stefan Lehne, who was in Belgrade to clarify the bloc's plans to send an EU policing and administrative mission to Kosovo.

Serbia has rejected the EU mission, saying it would be a prelude to the province's independence.

Samardzic said that Serbia will not sign any cooperation agreement with the EU, arguing that it would amount to "the signature for the independence of Kosovo."

The Serbian government has been deadlocked over its ties with the EU. Nationalist Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica's faction rejects closer ties with the EU because of the Kosovo issue, while the pro-Western groups allied to President Boris Tadic advocate quick Serbian integration into the bloc.

The United States and most EU nations support Kosovo's independence, saying they would recognize the province's statehood soon after it is declared by Kosovo Albanians.
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Adam, VP8DKF - KC4/K2ARB is pleased to report that they have received the logs for KC4USV McMurdo Station for the period October 2004 through February 2007. Among the operators during that period were Mike Poole KE6ZYK and Charles Dowdell N2TYQ.

All stations wishing to confirm a QSO or submit an SWL signal report are invited to do so via Larry K1IED at his address as found on QRZ.com.

All QSOs will soon be uploaded to LOTW as well. [VP8DKF - KC4/K2ARB]
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>From the CQ Newsroom...

CQ Announces Expansion of WPX Award Program
Digital Modes Added Along with New Bands

(Hicksville, NY, Feb. 14, 2008) -- CQ magazine and WPX Awards Manager Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, have announced several changes to the WPX Award program in response to feedback from program participants. The changes, effective immediately, add new bands and create a new Digital WPX Award.

Under the new rules, contacts on all bands between 160 and 6 meters will count for WPX award credit. In addition, new band endorsements will now be available for 5 MHz, 10 MHz, 18 MHz, 24 MHz and 50 MHz contacts. A separate Digital WPX Award has also been added, for contacts made on

RTTY, PSK and other keyboard modes, with 300 confirmed prefixes required for the basic level of the award. Digital-mode contacts will also count toward the existing Mixed award, as will those prefixes worked on the newly added bands.

Details on these and other changes will be published in the March 2008 issue of CQ magazine and are posted along with the March issue highlights on the CQ magazine website at <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>.

The WPX Award Program recognizes amateurs for making confirmed contacts with the many callsign prefixes used by radio amateurs around the world. Top achievers are eligible for the WPX Honor Roll and the WPX Award of Excellence. General information and complete rules are available on the CQ website at <www.cq-amateur-radio.com/awards.html>.

CQ magazine sponsors a variety of operating awards and on-air competitions to encourage amateur radio operators to sharpen their operating skills and to recognize those reaching high levels of achievement. [CQ Newsletter]

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73 and Good DX!

Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ

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Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations

Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html

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All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG

The World Light House Diplom - TWLHD

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